

## Coalition of Essential Schools Student Survey

**\*\*\*Please note: This document contains survey questions only and is intended as a sample of the survey on-line at [essentialanalysis.org](http://essentialanalysis.org)\*\*\***

This survey contains 50 questions. Please read each item, determine how you feel about the item and then respond to the item using the provided scale. These items will measure your attitudes towards school and perceptions of the school environment. In this survey, **we ask you to answer for your current school**. It is expected that the total time required will be about 30 minutes.

Use the following scale to respond to these questions

A=Almost Never True	B=Occasionally True	C=Frequently True	D=Almost Always True
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*Think about the CLASSES you have had at this school:*

1. This school is preparing me well for my future career choice.
2. This school is preparing me well for college.
3. This school has helped me learn how to write well.
4. This school has helped me understand mathematics more deeply.
5. My teachers want me to understand my school work, not just memorize it.
6. I understand how what I am learning relates to the "real world" (for example, my life, my interests, my future career).
7. My school uses portfolios and competency presentations to assess my learning.
8. I feel engaged by my school work.
9. My teachers ask me to learn through projects or other "hands-on" activities.
10. I feel I direct my own learning.
11. I have courses where teachers team-teach or that have an interdisciplinary curriculum (a combination of two or more subjects, such as science and English, or a Humanities class).
12. In my classes we study a few topics deeply instead of covering a lot of topics.
13. My teachers help me to reflect on my work and set future learning goals.
14. My classes have helped me to learn how to collect, organize, and analyze information.
15. My classes have helped me learn how to evaluate and defend my ideas and views
16. Teachers rarely lecture in my classes.
17. My teachers' evaluations (grades, rubrics, narratives, report cards) help me to understand what I know and need to know.
18. We are assessed through presentations or exhibitions rather than multiple choice tests.
19. My grades are based on tests that ask me to recall knowledge (such as multiple choice and fill-in-the-blank questions).

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- 20. My school work has helped me to think about the world through other points of view (perspectives).
- 21. In academic classes, all learning styles are respected and included.
- 22. My school has students of different ability levels together in the same classroom--the school does not 'track' or group students into classes based on students' achievement levels.
- 23. In my classes, we study and discuss issues relating to a wide range of racial and ethnic groups.
- 24. This school is fair - if I work hard I can get a good grade.

*Think about the TEACHERS you have had at this school:*

- 25. The teachers and staff believe that I can do well.
- 26. The teachers and staff believe that all students can do well
- 27. Teachers and staff actively encourage me to go to college.
- 28. Teachers and staff help me with my work if I need it.
- 29. There is at least one teacher I can go to when I have a question or concern.
- 30. Teachers, staff, and students treat each other with respect at this school.
- 31. I feel heard by teachers and staff.
- 32. My parents/guardians and teachers communicate frequently.
- 33. The teaching staff reflects the diversity of the student body (ethnically, socio-economically, linguistically).

*Think about the other STUDENTS or OTHER ASPECTS of your school:*

- 34. I feel safe in this school.
- 35. I feel comfortable and supported in sharing different points of view.
- 36. School rules are enforced consistently and fairly.
- 37. I think that all types of students feel welcome in this school.
- 38. There is a real sense of community in this school.
- 39. I like the physical building and area.
- 40. My teachers know my academic strengths and weaknesses.
- 41. The school uses its resources to support my academic success (such as in student support, library, technology).
- 42. My classes have less than 25 students.
- 43. I know what I need to do to graduate from high school and be eligible for college.
- 44. My parents/guardians are very involved in the school.
- 45. Through my school work, I work on projects that contribute to the community outside of school.
- 46. There are teachers/staff available to speak with my parents in their native language.
- 47. Students have a real say in decisions that matter to them at this school.
- 48. The school's leadership structures include students.

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49. I can talk to the principal when I need to.

50. My parents/guardians attend parent-teacher conferences.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME!